

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A device for operating and a method for modifying an installation for effecting the, in particular, continuous treatment, preferably cleaning, of a metal strip by a treatment liquid, particularly a pickling liquid. The metal strip is guided, preferably horizontally, through at least one tank for accommodating the treatment liquid, particularly a pickling tank. At least one pump circulation tank, and preferably two pump circulation tanks for preparing or storing and/or holding the treatment liquid. At least one pump circulation tank is arranged directly under the one tank for accommodating a treatment liquid.